MR. CHAIRMAN: कहा नहीं है। Do not put everything in his mouth. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI: What is he going to do to capture these market shares back?

श्री सैयद शाहनवाज हुसैन:सभापति जी, मध्य प्रदेश में कोई राजनैतिक मजबूरी नहीं है । हम तो अच्छा करके और दिल जीतना चाहते है, मध्य प्रदेश के लोगों को जल्द से जल्द हम दिल जीतना चाहते है, लेकिन, जो सीट के बारे में कहा है ...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति: ठीक है, हो गया । नैक्स्ट क्वैश्चन ।

Oil Refinery Project at Paradeep

*284. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of work on Oil Refinery Project at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) by when the Paradeep Oil Refinery Project is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether the dispute between Indian Oil and Orissa Government regarding Sales Tax has been resolved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Basjp design for process units has been completed and acquisition of approx. 3347 acre land completed. Pre-project works like dredging & reclamation, bridges across Santra Creek and approach road from National Highway-5A have been completed. Balance infrastructure work like railway over bridge, boundary wall, roads & drains building like site office, canteen and gate complex are in progress.

(b) As per the original Government approval, the Paradeep Refinery Project was scheduled to be completed within 48 months from the date of Government approval *i.e.* 14.7.1998. However, because of the withdrawal of the tax incentives and their subsequent part restoration

by the Orissa Government the original schedules could not be adhered to.The project schedules are under review by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

(c) The Orissa Government have partly restored the state tax incentives. The revised state sales tax incentives amount to about 32% of the incentives approved earlier. IOC and the Government have taken up with Orissa Government for full restoration of the state sales tax incentives granted earlier.

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone of Paradeep Oil Refinery Project of the IOLC in the year 1998. It was supposed to be completed within four years. That means, it should have been completed by July, 2002. Is it because the sales-tax incentives have not been given by the State Government? I would also like to know from the hon. Minister whether all the oil refineries, which have been set up in different parts of the country, are given the sales-tax incentives. Has any parameter been fixed for it? Have all the State Governments given the sales-tax incentives? If not, why is the IOC stipulating the parameter, so far as the Paradeep Oil Refineries in Orissa are concerned? Part 'b' of my question is...*(interruptions)*

श्री सभापति: आप क्वैश्चन करिए। लंबी बात मत कीजिए।

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Sir, I am just putting the question. (*Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question?

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Why are they stipulating the parameter of giving sales-tax incentives in the case of Orissa only? *{Interruptions)* When hon. Prime Minister had laid the foundation *stone....(Interruptions)* Had the dispute between the Central Government and the State Government—about which they are talking— with regard to how much sales-tax would be given, been decided earlier? had it been decided before the hon. Prime Minister laid the foundation stone, four year ago?

SHRI RAM NAIK: Sir, first of all I would like to correct the information of the hon. Member that the foundation stone was laid in 1998, it was laid on 24th May, 2000. This project was conceived in 1998. The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation had to join the joint venture. But they did not corne.

Then, we decided that though they are not joining, still we would have it. That is why the hon. Prime Minister laid the foundation stone on 24th May 2000.

Sir, so far as sale-tax concessions are concerned, yes, all the other States whether it is Karnataka or it is Gujarat or it is Punjab, wherever new refineries are coming, for commercial viability, sales-tax concessions are being given. So, similar concessions were given by the Orissa Government. But subsequently, they withdrew them. And, the effect of the withdrawal of sales-tax concessions was to the tune of about Rs. 3000 crores. We are discussing it. They have restored some concessions, to the extent of 32 per cent. We are going according to the plan. The commitment is that we would have it. So far as delay is concerned, it has occurred because the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation had withdrawn.

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Sir, will hon. Minister be kind enough to fix a time limit? How much time will it take to settle it with the State Government? Can he also specifically tell us when will this oil refinery of Orissa be completed?

SHRI RAM NAIK: Sir, I was saying that...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have already replied to it.

SHRI RAM NAIK: I have replied to it.We will continue to do our best to complete it as early as possible.

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Mr Chairman, Sir, from the information laid on the Table of the House, it is obvious that there is going to be a delay in the execution of the project. It will, eventually, lead to escalation in the cost of the project. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the imminent increase in the project cost has been factored in determining the concessions, as the concessions are related to viability. If the full sales tax benefits are not given, will it still be possible for the Central Government to set up this refinery?

SHRI RAM NAIK: Sir, basically, I hope that the sales tax concessions will be restored. The work is not stopped; work is going on. We have already committed to an expenditure of about Rs. 1050 crores. So, the work will go on. It is in the interest of Orissa; it is in the interest of the

Government of India and the people at large that this refinery comes up. It is necessary that this refinery must come, and we will do it.

Master Plan for Rain Water Harvesting

*285. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:††
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board has formulated a Rs. 24,500 crore master plan for harvesting rain in the entire country to solve country's worsening water crisis;

(b) if so, what are the main features of this proposal;

(c) what is the total amount to be spent for implementing this project; and

(d) by when the work on this project is likely to start and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has prepared a report entitled "Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Groundwater", which envisages recharge of 36453 Million Cubic Metre Volume of surplus monsoon runoff through construction of 39.25 lakh artificial recharge and rooftop rainwater harvesting structures.The report outlines broad framework about feasibility of these recharge structures in various parts of the country.

The details of funding pattern, implementing agencies, etc. are under discussion. In view of this, the schedule for its implementation cannot be indicated at this stage.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Sir, While I appreciate the decision taken by the Government of India to construct 39.25 lakh artificial rooftop rainwater harvesting structures, I would like to ask the

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Gulam Nabi Azad.